GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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INDO-US VACCINE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States of America has agreed to continue with the Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme for another five years;

(b) if so, whether it has been decided that more emphasis will be given for the development of malaria, TB, HIV and typhoid vaccines;

(c) whether this decision was taken during the meeting of the Indo-US Science Forum held on March 19, 2002; and

(d) the details of other decisions taken in the meeting?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Joint Working Group (JWG) of INDO-US Vaccine Action Programme has recommended to extend the Programme The US side has conveyed its agreement.The Cabinet in its meeting on July 18, 2002 considered the issue and agreed to extend the programme for a period of five years w.e.f. August, 2002.

(b): A Strategic Plan Document prepared by the experts has suggested emphasis on the development of vaccines for HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): The Governing Body meeting of the INDO-US S&T Forum held in March, 2002 discussed issues pertaining to administrative and scientific matters like holding of Joint Workshops, Forum Frontier Fellows Programmes, Invited Lectures and Creation of Databases.